



Ten Ideas to Celebrate This Year

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Office of Community Engagement

- 1. Donuts with Dad – pass out donuts to dads as they drive through the drop off line or walk with their child**
 - Have donuts individually packaged with tips for how to stay engaged with their child this year.
 - Information about the school.....what are your school goals for the year? How can parents help to get you there?
 - Partner with PTA and use this as an opportunity to recruit fathers and father figures to participate in PTA.
- 2. Invite dads to greet students as they walk into school**
- 3. Ask dads to send in encouraging words – print them out and post them around school or write them out on posters and display them as students are walking into school**
- 4. Drop-off party for dads**
 - Have balloons and other decorations up showing appreciation for dad when he drops his kids off
 - Give dad a water bottle with a sticker on it that has tips for staying engaged throughout the year and asking to make sure school has their up-to-date contact information.
- 5. Create a social media contest/campaign**
 - Encourage dads to post a selfie of them taking their child to school today.
 - Print out signs to use during drop off and have dads pose with signs for a photo for your social media.
- 6. Invite a dad to speak to a class virtually and have them share about their career path, hobby, or special skill**
- 7. Give dads a certificate of appreciation at student drop-off.**
 - Include ways for dads to stay engaged throughout the year or questions they can ask their child to support learning at home
- 8. Partner with a local business to give dads a free coffee, pastry, meal, etc.**
- 9. Create sticker, t-shirt, other swag with school name and logo for dads to wear/use with pride**
 - I am a proud dad from XXXXXX School
- 10. Give dads a shout out on your kiosk, website, newsletter, social media**